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FOLL REPEAT DAR ES SALAAM 1587 ACTION SECSTATE INFO BUJUMBURA
KIGALI KINSHASA NAIROBI 21 MAY 75:

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TAGS: CASC (SMUTS, BARBARA AND KENNETH STEVE SMITH AND
CARRIE HUNTER)

SUBJECT: W/W THREE AMCITS REPORTEDLY KIDNAPPED

REF: DAR ES SALAAM 1586 AND 1577; STATE 117734

1. TANZANIAN POLICE OFFICER IN KIGOMA CONFIRMED OVER
TELEPHONE TO EMBASSY CONSULAR OFFICER MORNING MAY 21
ACCOUNT ABDUCTION THREE AMCITS AND DUTCH CITIZEN REPORTED
DAR REFTELS. POLICE OFFICER SAID POLICE INVESTIGATING
AND TRYING TO FIND WHERE ARMED BAND WITH FOUR GOMBE HOSTAGES
HAD GONE. HE PROMISED TO TRY TO GET THROUGH OVER TELEPHONE
AGAIN THIS AFTERNOON (MAY 21) TO GIVE STATUS REPORT THEIR
EFFORTS.

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2. DEREK BRYCESON, DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL PARKS, WHO FLEW

HIS NATIONAL PARKS LIGHT AIRPLANE TO KIGOMA YESTERDAY (MAY 20), IS FLYING OVER AREA TRYING TO LOCATE ARMED BAND. BRYCESON INSTRUCTED BY TANGOV TO STAY IN KIGOMA REGION UNTIL THIS INCIDENT CLEARED UP. TANZANIAN POLICE DISPATCHED POLICE HELICOPTER YESTERDAY TO KIGOMA TO ASSIST IN SEARCH. HELICOPTER EXPECTED TO BE FLYING IN GOMBE AREA TODAY (MAY 21).

3. AMERICAN CONSUL (ZANZIBAR) LEWIS MACFARLANE AND EMBASSY ECONOMIC OFFICER HAL LUCIUS TRAVELING IN WESTERN TANZANIA, BURUNDI AND RWANDA ON BUSINESS-PLEASURE TRIP. MACFARLANE, WHO SPEAKS FRENCH AND SWAHILI, AND LUCIUS NOW IN KIGALI. TANGOV HAS GRANTED PERMISSION FOR MACFARLANE AND LUCIUS TO FLY BY CHARTER PLANE FROM KIGALI TO KIGOMA TODAY (MAY 21) TO ASSIT AS THEY CAN IN SEARCH FOR GANG. AS DEPT AWARE, MACFARLANE AND LUCIUS BOTH MATURE, EXPERIENCED FSOS WHO HAVE SERVED NUMBER OF YEARS IN AFRICA. WE WILL RELAY MACFARLANE-LUCIUS REPORTS AFTER THEIR ARRIVAL KIGOMA AS WE RECEIVE THEM. FYI WF IN COMMUNICATION WITH MACFARLANE-LUCIUS IN KIGALI BY E&E RADIO. END FYI.

4. BRYCESON ASKED US IF WE KNEW ANY REASON WHY AMERICANS AT GOMBE MIGHT BE TARGET FOR SUCH ATTACK. WE REPLIED IN NEGATIVE.
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